

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A deformation resistant power pedestal assembly comprising:

a hollow rectangular post formed of a polyester cloth veiled fiberglass reinforced resin, said post having spaced apart load bearing walls defining an exterior surface, an interior surface, a first open end and a second open end;

a ~~structure~~ structural reinforcing cap, ~~constructed and arranged for insertion within said first open end, whereby said insertion causes said structure reinforcing cap to frictionally engage said interior surface of said post and~~ said structural reinforcing cap having a top rectangular surface having a length and a width approximately equal in size to said first open end, said structural reinforcing cap further including side walls extending perpendicularly from said top rectangular surface, said side walls frictionally engaging the interior surface of said hollow rectangular post to thereby substantially prevent movement of said exterior surface; and

~~retention means constructed and arranged for retaining said cap within said post;~~

a plurality of fasteners for simultaneously engaging said structural reinforcing cap and said load bearing walls;

~~whereby said load bearing walls are maintained in said spaced apart position subsequent to mounting thereon of one or more power boxes or the like having a weight up to 18 times the weight of said power pedestal assembly~~

said hollow rectangular post and structural reinforcing cap forming a power pedestal assembly having a strength to weight ratio of about 18 to 1 and meeting the Florida Building Code 2001 wind load requirements without the need for concrete anchoring.

Claim 2. (Original) The power pedestal assembly of claim 1 wherein said cap provides closure to said first open end.

Claim 3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Original) The power pedestal of claim 1, further including at least one mounting surface extender, said surface extender having a first surface and a second surface, said first surface constructed and arranged for removable engagement with said exterior surface and said second surface constructed and arranged to provide increased surface area so as to provide increased mounting area.

Claim 5. (Original) The power pedestal assembly of claim 1 including at least one additive to provide resistance to ultraviolet radiation.

Claim 6. (Original) The power pedestal assembly of claim 1, wherein the resin is an isophthalic polyester resin containing a UV inhibitor and from about 56.5% to about 61% glass by weight.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A process for providing above-ground support ~~of~~ for appurtenant structures comprising:

~~providing~~ forming a power pedestal assembly including a hollow rectangular post formed of a polyester cloth veiled fiberglass reinforced resin, said post having spaced apart load bearing walls defining an exterior surface, an interior surface, a first open end and a second open end,

forming a structural reinforcing cap, said ~~assembly further including a~~ structural ~~structure~~ reinforcing cap, constructed and arranged for insertion within said first open end, whereby said insertion causes said structural ~~structure~~ reinforcing cap to frictionally engage said interior surface of said post and substantially prevent movement of said exterior surface and,

securing a plurality of fasteners between said hollow rectangular post and said structural reinforcing cap ~~retention means constructed and arranged for retaining said cap within said post;~~

directly implanting said pedestal assembly directly within the ground without the need for concrete anchoring to a depth of between about 30" and 36"; and

attaching ~~thereto~~ at least one appurtenant structure to said hollow rectangular post via through-bolts;

~~whereby said load bearing walls are maintained in said spaced apart position subsequent to mounting thereon of said at least one of said appurtenant structures having a weight up to 18 times the weight of said power pedestal assembly~~

thereby forming a power pedestal assembly having a strength to weight ratio of about 18 to 1 and being capable of meeting the Florida Building Code 2001 wind load requirements without the need for concrete anchoring.